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A Public Works Department employee yesterday removes a banner that makes an explosive pun on Communications Minister Limor Livnat's name on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

A-G asks police to investigate anti-Livnat signs

By LIAT COLLINS and MICHAEL YUDELMAN Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein has asked police investigation branch head Cmdr. Sando Mazor to investigate who is responsible for banners placed along the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway praising Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and denouncing Communications Minister Limor Livnat...

PM secures confidence vote

By LIAT COLLINS, JAY BUSHINSKY, and MICHAEL YUDELMAN A last-minute deal with a price tag of NIS 225 million assured Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Yisrael Ba'aliya's support in today's no-confidence vote, making it virtually impossible for the government to be defeated... The agreement calls for immediate implementation of all the commitments made to the party last year when the government was formed...

Arafat improves relations with Iran

By STEVE RODAN The Palestinian Authority, which only last year attacked Tehran for supporting terrorism and trying to overthrow PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, has significantly improved relations with Iran, intelligence sources said yesterday... The sources said the change in PA attitude toward Iran began in March, before the May election of Mohammed Khatami as the new president of the Islamic republic...

Ben-Elissar: Israel wants US aid to PA conditioned on action against terrorism

By HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON - Israel would like to see American aid to the Palestinians continue, but conditioned on the Palestinian Authority's performance against terrorism, Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar said yesterday... The remarks were the first indication of Israel's intentions regarding the soon-to-expire US laws governing American-Palestinian relations...

Sharon meets PM, Frenkel

By DAVID HARRIS National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel met in Sharon's office yesterday, amid growing speculation that Sharon will become the new finance minister... Frenkel, who is also the government's economic adviser, gave Sharon a general overview of the state of the economy...

Ministry sources: Politics interfering with peace process

By JAY BUSHINSKY The coalition crisis and pending cabinet reshuffle have virtually paralyzed the Middle East peace process, senior Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday... Evidence of this could be seen in the fact that two of the foreign go-between seeking resumption of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations - Egypt's Osama el-Baz and the European Union's Miguel Moratinos - have refrained from any substantive contacts for the past several days...

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Riot may lead Ramat to segregate public pool

By Jerusalem Post Staff



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NEWS

in brief

Court frees manslaughter suspects on bail

Supreme Court Justice Elyahu Mazza yesterday decided not to extend the remand of manslaughter suspects Walid Abu Ahmed and Mustafa Abu Ahmed by a further three months, since they have already been in custody for a year while on trial. Mazza ruled the two would be released on bail and held under house arrest until the completion of their prosecution for the death of a rival clan member during a blood feud. Mazza also criticized the way the trial is being conducted, saying it is poorly managed and noting that the prosecution has examined only seven of its 19 witnesses during the past year. *Itim*

IDF unveils armored jeep in Lebanon

The IDF has deployed dozens of bulletproof, US-built Humvees in south Lebanon to replace its more vulnerable Sufa jeeps. The Humvees, known as "Hummer" in Hebrew, have been plated with over a ton of Israeli-developed armor to protect them from Hizbullah ambushes. The US armed forces reportedly considered armor-plating the Humvee following their deployment in Somalia, but Israeli defense officials said the armored Hummer, which costs NIS 410,000 and is assembled by the IDF and Nazareth Industries, is the first to be deployed on an active war front. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Samsung opens office here

Samsung, Korea's largest electronic corporation, opened an office last night in Herzliya, a move that officials called the most significant in the rapidly growing economic relations between Israel and Korea. Samsung Electronics, with sales of more than \$19 billion in 1996, is seeking to buy technology from Israeli start-up companies. The company manufactures a wide variety of products, from semiconductors to televisions. Trade between Korea and Israel totalled \$700 million last year, and officials said the figure for 1997 could top \$1 billion. *Steve Rodan*

Kiryat Shmona man killed in traffic accident

A 40-year-old Kiryat Shmona man died yesterday after being hit by a car as he was leaving the town's cemetery, where he had been visiting a relative's grave. An IDF helicopter was dispatched to take him to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, but it was delayed and arrived after he died. Police are investigating the incident. Five people were injured, one of them critically and two of them seriously, in a collision between two cars near Kfar Hanagid, near Rehovot. *Itim*

Construction worker killed in fall

Eliezer Lugassi, 66, from Kiryat Motzkin, was killed when he fell yesterday from the construction site on the bridge in Jerusalem's French Hill neighborhood. An MDA doctor declared him dead at the scene. Police and Labor and Social Affairs Ministry inspectors are investigating the death. *Itim*

Australia withdraws welcome mat for Arafat

Australian Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer was forced to admit yesterday that the Australian government will not honor his invitation for Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to visit Australia. Fischer, who is also trade minister, issued the invitation when he met Arafat in Bethlehem in March. He said he had invited several regional leaders, including Arafat, to visit Australia when he toured nine Middle East countries as part of a trade drive. The opposition Labor Party spokesman on foreign affairs, Laurie Brereton, asked Fischer in Parliament if he had obtained the permission of conservative Prime Minister John Howard before he invited Arafat to Australia. Fischer did not answer that question, but confirmed both that he had invited Arafat to Australia and that the invitation no longer applies. *AP*

IDF: Wounded UNIFIL troops entered marked mine field

By DAVID RUDGE

Military sources yesterday rejected claims that the IDF was responsible for the incident on Saturday in which six UNIFIL soldiers were wounded, one of them seriously, in a mine blast inside the security zone. The explosion in which the soldiers, from the peacekeeping force's Irish battalion, were hurt, occurred in the zone's western

sector along a road running between Beit Yahoun and Barasheet. UNIFIL said that the IDF had planted mines in the area several months previously and that the UN force had asked that they be removed so the force could use the road to supply a UN position in the area. The IDF Spokesman said yesterday that its own inquiry into the incident revealed that the road had

been cleared in compliance with UNIFIL's request. The inquiry found that the troops had not kept to the road but had entered a fenced and signed minefield alongside it. The statement issued by the IDF Spokesman's office said meetings had taken place between senior officers in the Northern Command and officers of the Irish battalion over the incident. UNIFIL maintained at the time

that the troops had been wounded after discovering more mines along the road, even though they had been told that the track had been cleared. UNIFIL's own inquiry into the incident has not yet been completed. Meanwhile, the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group convened at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura yesterday to hear complaints from Israel over a string of roadside bomb attacks in the

Jezzine enclave last Wednesday in which four people, including a South Lebanese Army officer, were killed and two other civilians were wounded. The group, established to supervise the understandings that ended the cross-border fighting last April, also heard a complaint from Lebanon over the shelling of a village south of Sidon on Saturday night. There were no casualties in that incident.



Dr. Peres
Former prime minister Shimon Peres is serenaded by Spanish musicians yesterday, after receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of Alcalá near Madrid. *(AP)*

Israeli Arab delegation expected to visit Syria next month

By DAVID RUDGE

A delegation of Israeli Arab politicians is hoping to visit Syria in the middle of next month and meet with senior officials there, including President Hafez Assad. The prospects of such a visit going ahead were given a boost yesterday with the announcement that Syria has given its approval in principle. According to reports, however, the Syrians made it clear that this should not be seen as a step towards normalization of ties with Israel, but as recognition of the struggle of Israeli Arabs for their rights. The delegation is slated to include Arab MKs from Hadash and other parties and leading public figures. Hadash secretary-general Mohammed Baraki said they hoped the visit would occur during the second week of July. He said they would begin dealing with the

composition of the delegation immediately after the convention of the Israeli Communist Party, the key component of Hadash. The convention opens tomorrow in Haifa. "This will be a political delegation that will hold talks with members of the Syrian government and meet with President Hafez Assad," said Baraki. "The delegation will also express its solidarity with the Syrian stance against the continued Israeli occupation of the Golan Heights, and for a comprehensive peace." Baraki ruled out the possibility of the delegation being used as a bridge between Israel and Syria, saying that "a bridge is something that has to be built in negotiations between the countries themselves." Mohammed Darawshe, spokesman for the Democratic Arab Party, which sent a delegation to Syria over three years ago, was skeptical about the proposed

visit going ahead as quickly as envisaged. "The Syrians, as we understand, are still examining the various groups that they would like to extend an invitation to. We have been invited in the past and we are being consulted about the structure of the proposed delegation, but we don't feel that anything will happen within the next two weeks," said Darawshe. He revealed that the relations developed between the party and senior Syrian officials at the time had developed and strengthened and that contacts were continuing "within the legal boundaries of the State." Darawshe also rejected the idea of Israel Arabs being used as mediators between Israel and Syria. "We don't feel that this government, given its present policies, has any intention of advancing the peace talks. We don't want to waste our time and effort nor our

credit with the Syrians," he added. Jay Bushinsky adds: Government officials evinced little if any enthusiasm about the projected visit to Syria. They do not regard as the kind of confidence-building measure that might lead to early resumption of peace talks. "This group certainly is not qualified or authorized to negotiate in Israel's name," said David Bar-Ilan, director of communications to the Prime Minister's Office. If Syria would open her territory to normal tourism and a true cross-section of Israel's population was able to travel to Damascus and other Syrian cities the effect on the peace process would be much more salutary, he said. Foreign Ministry aides also were unimpressed by the implications of the trip, saying it could cause political or diplomatic harm if the delegation or its members are used to spread anti-Israel propaganda.

Settlers' council: Morag will be test case

By MARGOT DUBKEVITCH

Leaders of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza and members of the Knesset lobby the Land of Israel Front agreed to take action if Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai does not live up to his promise to dismantle the Palestinian tents erected outside the fence at Morag, yesterday afternoon at an emergency meeting on the recent riots in Hebron and Morag. According to council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar, Mordechai promised to remove the Palestinian tents when he toured Gush Katif on Sunday. Tayar said the council already has started sending representatives to Morag and council leaders are planning to visit there on Friday, together with members of the Land of Israel Front, and gather opposite the Palestinian tents. "Morag will be our test case," she said. Gush Katif spokesman Shlomo Kostiner refused to give any details of Friday's plans. Kostiner added he was unaware of any guarantees made by Mordechai to dismantle the Palestinian tents. The IDF spokesman said that Palestinians threw stones at a vehicle driving near the Morag hotspots last night. The passengers in the vehicle got out and fired warning shots in the air to disperse the stone throwers and continued driving along the road. The spokesman said they then proceeded to uproot a Palestinian flag and dismantle one of the protest tents. Police and border police removed the settlers from the scene and prevented the incident from escalating. Also last night a firebomb was thrown at the perimeter fence surrounding Gush Katif in the Gaza Strip. The IDF spokesman confirmed the incident, adding that the firebomb ignited but there were no damages or injuries reported. Kostiner said that on Sunday afternoon the fence Morag settlers had repaired recently had once again been torn down by Palestinians, who also stoned the hotspots. IDF troops dispersed the Palestinians by firing rubber bullets and tear gas. Palestinian sources claim a youth was injured. Meanwhile, the IDF spokesman yesterday denied Palestinian claims that an agreement has been reached to remove the monument erected two weeks ago in memory of IDF soldier Sgt. Yossi Levy, who was killed in rioting last September after the opening of the Western Wall tunnel exit.

Conference opens today on Nazi loot

By MARYLIN HENRY

Politicians, lawyers, authors and academic experts from Europe, Israel, the US and Latin America are to convene in Geneva today for a conference on Nazi loot, including gold, art and property. Naphtali Lavie of the World Jewish Restitution Organization and MK Avraham Herschson are scheduled to address the conference, which was organized by the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Enys

Davis, secretary-general of the Tripartite Gold Commission, is also expected to address the gathering. The commission was responsible for post-war restitution to the central banks of Europe whose vaults were plundered by the Nazis. It now has some \$68 million in so-called "residual gold" — the leftovers since the restitution to the European banks — and the US, France and Britain are considering making that available to Holocaust survivors.

Ballistic missile conference opens in Eilat

By STEVE RODAN

Under tight security, about 600 representatives of 21 countries, as well as industry executives, gathered yesterday at an Eilat hotel to launch a four-day conference on ballistic missile defense sponsored by the US Defense Department. US officials said the conference was closed to the media and pub-

lic and that the hotel is off-limits to anyone but participants. Among the participating countries are NATO nations, Israel, Australia, Finland, Japan, South Korea, and several Eastern European nations. "The theme of the conference is the last decade of promise and achievement," Richard Scorza, US Embassy spokesman said. "The discussions are on very tech-

nological and research and development issues." The US is being represented by former undersecretary of defense Paul Kaminski, who until earlier this year was responsible for acquisitions for the Pentagon. Other representatives include officials at the Pentagon's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

Saudis release money for Arab housing in Jerusalem

Saudi Arabia will give the Palestinians \$19 million to build 600 homes in Jerusalem and strengthen their hold over parts of the city, a senior PLO official said yesterday. Construction will begin within six weeks, and Palestinians planning to build homes can apply for loans to be paid for with the Saudi money, said Faisal Hussein, the top Palestinian official in Jerusalem. The \$19m. are part of a total \$50m. which Saudi Arabia earmarked for Palestinian housing and infrastructure projects in eastern Jerusalem and deposited two years ago in the Islamic

Development Bank. The Saudis stipulated at the time that the money could only be withdrawn for large-scale housing projects. Palestinian officials have said Israel was not issuing permits for large-scale Palestinian housing projects, and last week, Saudi Arabia decided to make some of the money available to individual homeowners. Hussein told a news conference in Gaza. Hussein said the United Arab Emirates has pledged \$600m. for 15,000 Arab housing units, but that most of the money remains in the banks because Israel has not given Palestinians building permits. *(AP)*

We deeply mourn the passing of

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Becky, Roni, Amos, and the children.

Harold, Shirley, Pippa, and Jonnie Kowarsky

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our dear

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The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, June 24, 1997, at Hayarkon Cemetery (Hotzei Shomron Road). Meeting at the entrance gate. Shiva at Rehov Lachover 3, Ramat Aviv.

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Krajicek, Ivanisevic, Majoli crisp on soggy day

Henman inaugurates Wimbledon's new Court 1 with win

WIMBLEDON (AP) - Richard Krajicek opened the defense of his Wimbledon title yesterday with an overpowering grass-court performance on a soggy day at the All England Club.

Krajicek, seeded fourth and coming off a tuneup victory in his native Netherlands, beat Germany's Marcello Craca 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 6-4. He won his first 19 service points, served a total of 19 aces and faced only one break point the whole match.

"I feel a little bit relieved that it's over," said Krajicek, when asked to compare the result with last year's final triumph over MaliVai Washington.

"Both days had a special tension to them and both days I was pretty happy that I finally won."

In the first match to be played on the new Court 1, Tim Henman, the first British player seeded in 15 years, won 7-6 (13-11), 6-1, 6-4 against Canada's Daniel Nestor.

No. 2 seed Goran Ivanisevic won in straight sets to beat the rain and French Open champion Iva Majoli recorded her first Wimbledon victory, giving the tournament a double success for Croatia.

Ivanisevic served 24 aces in a 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 triumph over Dinu Pescariu, finishing his match in 64 minutes on Court 2.

Two of his service games were all aces and another had three.

When Pescariu had a break point early in the third set, Ivanisevic saved it with an ace and followed with another to snuff out the threat.

On the same court, Majoli came from a set down to score a 2-6, 6-0, 6-3 victory over Argentina's Mariana Diaz Oliva, who was playing her first Grand Slam match.

Majoli, the No. 4 seed, had lost in the first round in her previous Wimbledon appearances in 1994 and 1995.

"This is a dream come true, getting through the first round of Wimbledon," she said. "After winning this match, I was almost as happy as when I won the French Open."

Greg Rusedski won the opening set in the



Goran Ivanisevic (Reuters)

match of the two biggest servers in the game on Center Court but needed a tiebreaker against No. 7 seed Mark Philippoussis of Australia before rain halted play. The British left-hander didn't concede a point on his first four service games while the

Australian saved four break points on the way to 6-6. Philippoussis also saved two set points in the tiebreaker before Rusedski clinched it 8-6 after 44 minutes of high-powered serving and little else.

Other early winners were women's No. 5 Lindsay Davenport, who came from a set down to beat Tami Whitlinger-Jones 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; No. 12 Irina Spirlea of Romania, who scored a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia in 46 minutes; and Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva, who downed Britain's Julie Pullie 6-1, 6-3.

In the men's first round, No. 10 Carlos Moya of Spain posted a 7-6 (7-1), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 victory over American lucky loser Steve Bryan, who replaced injured Andre Agassi in the draw.

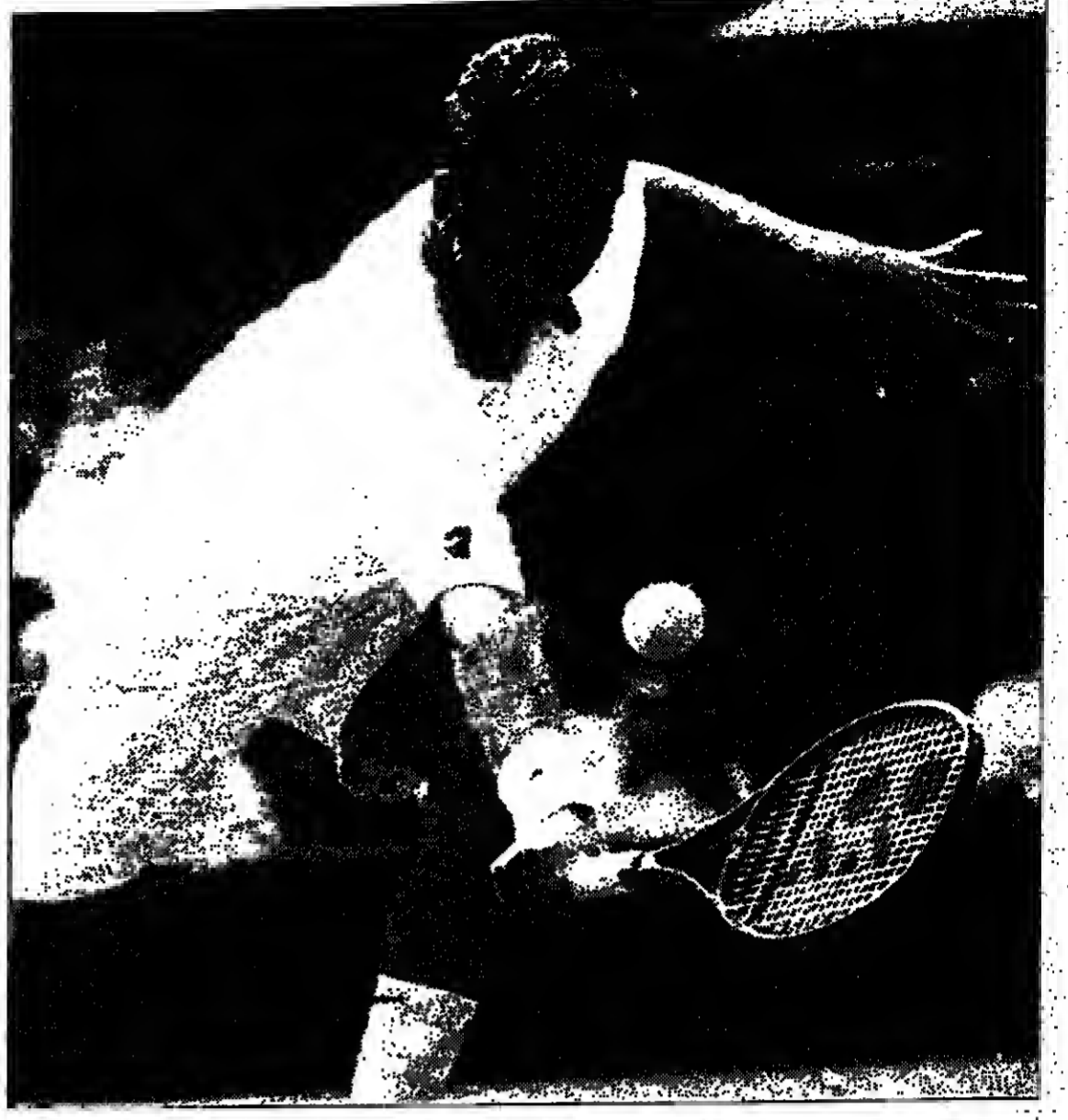
Rain caused frequent interruptions on the opening day and arrived just 15 minutes before the opening ceremony for the new No. 1 court, an 11,000 capacity arena built over the past two years to replace the 7,000-seater No. 1 which is in the process of demolition.

The first shower lasted only 15 minutes and didn't hold up the ceremony, which was attended by 10 players who had won Wimbledon titles three times or more.

The men's champions were Rod Laver, John Newcombe, John McEnroe, Boris Becker and Pete Sampras. The women's titlists were Louise Brough, Margaret Court, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova. A notable absentee was five-time winner Bjorn Borg.

Sampras, who lost to Krajicek in last year's quarterfinal after winning the title three years in a row, plays today, when the No. 1 seed faces Mikael Tillstrom of Sweden.

With injured Steffi Graf absent, the women's competition does not have a defending champion. Top seed Martina Hingis, beaten only once this year, faces qualifier Anne Kremer of Luxembourg today. The match between No. 2 Monica Seles and Australia's Rachel McQuillan was postponed until today because of rain.



HOT START - Last year's champion Richard Krajicek returns a serve from Germany's Marcello Craca, whom he beat in straight sets yesterday. (Reuters)

Butcher, Atherton ensure England draw in 2nd Test

LONDON (AP) - England forced a draw in the second Ashes Test after Mark Butcher and Michael Atherton hit half centuries and shared a match-saving 162-run stand for the first wicket at Lord's yesterday.

Australia had a first-innings advantage of 136 runs after declaring overnight at 213 for seven. But England batted out the last day to score 266 for four before agreeing to end the match one hour before the scheduled end of play.

Australia had won its last three Test matches at Lord's, but the draw ended the visitors' run and also marked the end of Australia's 18-Test drawless streak.

Butcher scored 87 and Atherton 77. Atherton, leading England for a record 42nd time, summed up the rain-affected game in one word.

"Unsatisfactory," said Atherton of the match which had two days, four hours and 53 minutes of play lost due to rain over the first four days.

Nicknamed "Iron Mike" for his ability to play back-to-the-wall innings in crises, Atherton said there were only two results possible on the last day.

"It was either an Australian win or a draw. If you can't win, the next best possible thing is try and do the best not to lose."

The England skipper also said Butcher, playing in only his second match, survived a big test.

"It was a test of character. Spending 2-3 hours batting, you learn more about Test cricket."

Australia sniffed an unlikely

victory soon after tea when three wickets tumbled in the space of 17 balls.

But Graham Thorpe and John Crawley defied leg spinner Shane Warne and paceman Glenn McGrath.

McGrath for the rest of the evening to keep England's 1-0 lead in the six-match series in tact.

Thorpe (30 not out), who survived a few searching deliveries from Warne, was in a punishing mood, hooking and cutting vehemently as he shared 64 undefeated runs with Crawley (29 not out).

Warne spun the ball viciously off the bowlers' foot marks at times and showed signs of returning to his best, finishing with two for 47 off 19 overs. He caught and bowled Nasser Hussain for a fifth ball naught and clean bowled Butcher off the ruff.

Butcher and Atherton frustrated the Australian attack for over three-and-a-half hours before the England skipper finally fell, stepping

ping on his stumps. Butcher, whose past three Test scores were eight, 14 and five, finally came good in his fourth innings of the series with an innings of remarkable character.

Having played and missed for most of the morning, Butcher came out of his shell hitting 14 boundaries in his 210-ball innings. Atherton's 159-ball innings included 10 boundaries as he occupied the crease for 220 minutes.

Atherton is yet to score a first-class century at Lord's. The closest he came was in 1993, when he was run out on 99 when he slipped in mid-pitch.

Atherton turned a Michael Kasprovicz delivery off his pads to fine leg, but then trod on his stumps as he set off for a run.

The Butcher-Atherton stand was England's first opening partnership over one hundred for 13 Tests, when Atherton and Graham Gooch shared 203 in Adelaide in 1990-91.

It was also England's first century stand by the openers at Lord's since John Edrich and Barry Wood raised 111 runs in 1975 against Australia.

Atherton controlled the stand with his 24th half century in 48 Tests.

Atherton said Australia's fine performance and England's first-innings effort of 77 all out had done no harm done to England's confidence going into the third Test starting at Old Trafford in two weeks.

Table with cricket statistics including batting and bowling records for various players. Includes names like Mark Butcher, Michael Atherton, and Shane Warne, along with their respective scores and runs.

THE LOCAL SCENE

Junior swimmers finish fourth; 14-year-old takes 3 golds

By HEATHER CHAIT

Neither Syria's boycott nor temperatures of 45 degrees could deter Israel's young swimmers from a fourth-place finish at the Junior Mediterranean Cup competition in Nicosia this week.

Among the 11 competing countries were Italy, France, Greece as well as Algeria, Morocco and Egypt.

Fourteen-year-old Adi Bichman was the darling of the girls team, which placed third overall, with her three gold medals in the 200- and 400-meters individual medleys (2:25.01 and 5:05.96) and the 200m breaststroke (2:39.95). This brings to nine the number of gold medals Bichman has won over three years in this competition.

Also making gold was Vered Borochofsky in the 100m butterfly in 1:05.02.

Bichman and Borochofsky then starred in the relay team's third place result in the 4x100m individual medley, along with Tal Shepeizer and Mieke Shatz, clocking 4:33.13. Next year Israel is due to host the event.

Tennis: The "Peace Tournament" will be a clear mixing of politics and sport. To be held in Taba in November, the event will bring together senior players (over 35) from Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait and Israel. Likely to represent Israel will be Shlomo Glickstein and Shahar Perkin.

In other developments, Oren Motevassel, ranked 180 and the No. 2 local racket, is expected to be included in the Davis Cup squad for the first time in the September clash against Morocco. Other ATP rankings this week have Eyal Ran at 140, Eyal Arif at 201, Raviv Weidenfeld at 238 and Nir Welgreen at 278.

Golf: This week's better ball competition was won by Eli Gitlin and Solly Friedman with 45 stableford points. Second were Bruce Waters and Jules Polak on 43 while three teams ended with 41 but the count-

back system gave third place to husband and wife Cyril and Norma Kaufman.

In the semiannual best players competition, Cyril Kaufman won the A division with 57 points, Clive Jossell took the B with 58, Jules Cuhumek dominated the C with 51 and raking in the highest total was Barbara Golan who scored 75 in the D group.

Meanwhile, in Tottori, Japan, the junior team of Elad Hasson, David Adelman, Eran Benita and Shlomo Assayag competed among the world's top 15 countries in the World Junior Golf Team Championships.

After three days of the strokeplay tournament, the United States won with 864 points with Japan second on 880. Israel scored 1021 for 15th place.

Maccabiah minutes: Kerry Strug will not be the only famous gymnast at this Maccabiah. Yelena Shoshonova, Russia's champion who won two golds, a silver and a bronze at Seoul, will be another attraction at the event which begins July 14. Of the 38 states who have confirmed, the largest delegation will be from the US, numbering 528.

Cricket: This year's league is packed with surprises as last year's winners, Ashdod A, are hurtling towards relegation. In their fourth defeat, they made 214 (H. Awaskar 96) against Beersheba's 255/9 (B. Gudker 71). Tel Aviv, however, is in the driving seat, the only team still unbeaten in Division I. They made 98/5 to beat Young Ashdod's 94.

In the second division, Dimona A made 57/3 against Kiryat Gat's 56 and the Eleveo Stars notched up 238/7 to beat Dimona C's 105.

Beach volleyball: If it's summer, it must be beach volleyball and this year's season bursts into life on June 26-27 with the youth league on Tel Aviv's sands. The professional league will move from Tel Aviv on June 27-28 to Haifa on July 4-5 and Ashdod on July 11-12. To register, call (03) 5622114.

Els wins at Buick Classic

HARRISON, NY (AP) - This is becoming a familiar sight on American golf courses these days - Ernie Els on an 18th green in the golden sunlight of an early Sunday evening, raising his arms in victory.

It happened at last week's US Open, and it happened again Sunday at the Buick Classic, as Els overcame shaky putting and a two-hour rain delay for a two-stroke victory over Jeff Maggert.

Unlike last Sunday at Congressional, when Els hugged his caddy Ricci Roberts after making his final putt, this time Maggert gave him a bear hug - and then tried to hip toss the big South African off his feet.

But, for the second straight year at the Westchester Country Club, nobody could throw Els, though they came closer this year than in 1996, when he ran away from the field by eight strokes.

Els became the first wire-to-

wire repeat champion on the PGA Tour since Tom Watson won the Tournament of Champions in 1979 and 1980 at La Costa Country Club in Carlsbad, California. Els also became the first golfer since Hale Irwin in 1990 to win on tour the week after winning the US Open.

With Sunday's victory, Els displaced Tiger Woods as the No. 1 player in golf according to the Sony world rankings.

"That's quite surprising," Els said. "I don't know what to say about that. I was struggling for six months and you win two tournaments and you're No. 1."

Els' dominance at the Westchester Country Club has been in question. He has finished second, tied for fourth and won twice since he started playing here in 1994.

"What's the saying? There are horses for courses, and this is really my golf course," he said.

SCOREBOARD

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National athletics championships offer chances for Athens

By JOEL GORDIN

The Israel Athletic Championships, to begin on July 6, will be a valuable dress rehearsal for the six Israelis who have already secured their places in the team to attend the world championships in Athens in August. It will also be an opportunity for at least seven more to make the squad, said Israel Athletic Association chairman Shlomo Ben Gal.

"Money is no longer a barrier to the team's size," stated Ben Gal. "We (the IAA) promise to send every single athlete to Athens who achieves the minimum standard for entry."

Those who are already in the team are triple jumpers Rogel Nahum and Avi Tayri, pole vaulters Danny Krasnov and Constantine Simiyonov, high jumper Constantine Manusevich and marathon runner Assaf Birno.

The seven who still have hopes of achieving minimum standards are: *New national 110m. record holder Ofir Shmuel who must reduce his best time for the event of 14.25 secs to 14.04 secs; *Yosef Gescho who needs to cut his 800m. time from 1:48.57 to 1:47.50; *Sprinter Tsfir Golan, who has done 10.56 secs for the 100m. but must get this down to 10.54 secs; *Tommy Kfir who

must reduce his best for the 200m from 21.48 secs to 21.04 secs; *Long jumper Mark Melisof who must leap 7.90m. His best jump this year is 7.69m. *High jumper Itai Margalit who must clear 2.28m. His best jump so far is 2.26m. *Edna Lancki who holds the national record for the 1,500m of 4:14.18. She needs to do better than 4:14.0.

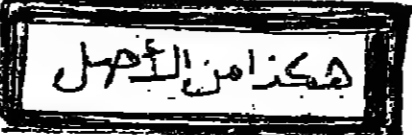
The most highly-contested events at the championships will be the "three jumps" - the triple jump, high jump and pole vault. Only a few centimeters separate the best achievements of Krasnov and Simiyonov (pole vault); Rogel and Tayri (triple jump) and Matosovitz and Margalit (high jump).

In the women's section, both Edna Lancki (1,500m.) and Dorit Ashkenazi (javelin) have chances of beating their national marks. As an added attraction for the local athletes, the IAA has invited a number of top foreign athletes to take part in the championships. These include Chilean sprinter Sebastian Ketal (best time for 100m: 10.13 secs); Latvian triple jumper Marius Broziks (17:30m) and Yugoslavian high jumper Dragan Topic (2.35m.).

The 61st annual championships will be opened by President Ezer Weizman.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Meraheim Nebenhaus leads his Camerata Ramat Hasharon Orchestra in Mendelssohn's 10th Symphony for Strings, Three Pieces in Old Style by Górecki and Haydn's 43rd Symphony. Shlomi Shaban joins to play Mozart's K.414 Piano Concerto, tonight (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum.



The Reduced Shakespeare Company's tour starts tonight.

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Those inspired lunatics of the Reduced Shakespeare Company start their local tour tonight with their inimitable version of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare - Abridged*. That's all 37 plays in 97 side-splitting minutes. Tonight on the Cameri Theater main stage at 8:30 p.m.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

The Israel Ballet brings its energetic and upbeat program of three short works to the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. There's Berta Yampolsky's *Visiting Card*, a look at a day in the life of a ballet dancer, *Encore*, her cheeky salute to Israel's 50th, and *Gershwin Concerto* by Kristoff Pastor. Tonight at 8:30 and Thursday at 6 p.m.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★1/2 ABSOLUTE POWER - In a long, bravura sequence at the start of Clint Eastwood's political thriller, an expert thief (the director) accidentally witnesses a murder involving the president of the United States (Gene Hackman). Unfortunately, nothing else in the movie comes even close to the sustained excitement of that

dynamic first bit. The script was adapted in functional, hard-boiled manner by William Goldman from David Baldacci's novel and spends a good deal of time dishing out a below-the-belt, barely masked critique of the current American president. As this happens, it becomes harder and harder to separate the director's admirably smooth control of mood and tempo in individual scenes from his over-arching, dunderheaded political paranoia. Also with Ed Harris and Laura Linney. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Tuesday seems to be documentary evening on Channels 1 and 2. Tonight at 10, Channel 1 is showing *Manhunt*, a British Channel 4 documentary. The program follows an Israeli rabbi who travels all over the world in search of men who have left their wives without giving them a divorce. Rabbi Yehuda Gordon does everything he can to help these *agunot* out of their unfortunate situation.

On Channel 2, the last program in this season of Ilana Dayan's *Fact* (9:10) will be broadcast live from an IDF post on the border in Southern Lebanon. The show will include a film about the life of an elite unit in Lebanon and a panel discussion on the future of the IDF in Lebanon, with OC Northern Command Amiram Levine, military analyst Ron Ben-Yishai, CBS reporter Bob Simon, parents of soldiers and others.

TV

CHANNEL 1

- 8:30 News flash
8:31 News In Arabic
10:45 Exercise Time
7:00 Good Morning Israel
MOVIE CHANNEL (4)
11:30 North (1994) (ppt)
13:00 Special Report
13:35 Nazi Hunter: Beate Klarsfeld's Story (1988).

EDUCATIONAL TV

- 8:00 Real Truth
8:00 Reading
8:30 Health
9:45 Programs for the very young
10:15 French
10:30 Mathematics
10:40 Literature
11:15 Sciences
11:30 Science and Technology
12:00 Geography
12:30 Movie Magic
13:00 Plain Clothes
13:50 Cartoons
14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy
14:35 Quentin Quack
15:00 Zombit

MIDDLE EAST TV

- 7:00 TV Shop
14:30 700 Club
15:00 Gorbet
15:30 Dennis the Menace
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Family Challenge
17:45 Seakman's World
18:10 Perfect Strangers
18:35 Saved by the Bell
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
20:00 Showcase
20:50 Avalon (1990) - the life and times of a large immigrant family in Baltimore. With Aidan Quinn, Elizabeth Perkins, Joan Plowright, Derek Jacobi and Armin Mueller-Stahl.
23:00 CNN
23:30 The 700 Club
00:30 Quantum Shopping

CHANNEL 1

- 15:00 Motormice from Mars
15:55 Body
16:00 It's Alive - animals
16:25 Yeladudes
16:30 Sesame Tales
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Shake-up - live show
18:15 News in English
ARAC PROGRAMS
18:30 Apropo
19:00 News
HERREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Muppets Tonight
20:00 News
20:50 Weekly Lotto Draw - live
20:55 Mine Host Meni Pe'er
22:00 Manhunter - BBC documentary about Rabbi Yehuda Gordon, who searches for men who have disappeared and left their wives as agunot. The documentary follows the rabbi's hunt for the men and his attempts to release the women from their problematic position.
23:00 Dream On
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

CHANNEL 2

- 6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Aladdin
7:00 Colles with Tel-Ad
9:00 Ruby
10:00 Pizkot Fences
11:00 Balokalek PD
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18:00 Secret Six of the Father - TV movie
3:45 On the Edge of the Shelf
JORDAN TV
15:00 Holy Koran
15:35 Soccer - Chile

vs. Ecuador

- 17:00 Square One
17:10 Album Show
18:10 French programs
19:00 News in French
19:30 News headlines
19:35 Czech
20:00 TR
20:30 Encounter
21:10 The Nature of Things
22:00 News in English
23:00 West Beach
23:15 Drug Wars

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

- 11:30 North (1994) (ppt)
13:00 Special Report
13:35 Nazi Hunter: Beate Klarsfeld's Story (1988).
15:15 The Other Woman (1995) (ppt)
16:45 Special Report on Dennis Brasco
17:10 Harvest of Fire (1996) - an FBI agent investigates arson. With Lofia Davidovich
18:45 News in the Cinema
19:00 Tongue in Cheek (Hebrew, 1988) - candid-camera exposé by Yigal Sela with Neeman Dahnar and Avi Kusiner
20:25 Bridge of Time (1989) (ppt)
20:30 Beyond Forgiveness (1994) - a policeman whose brother was murdered by a Polish hit man uncovers an East European illegal organ donor ring
23:00 Inmortal Belle (1994) (ppt)
1:40 Soccer: Tom (1994) (ppt)

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PRIME TIME TV

Table with 8 columns (1-8) and 6 rows (19:30-23:00) listing TV programs and channels.

18:10 Human Nature
18:30 Open University - Pyramid: Interactions in Science: Principles of Accounting
19:30 Beyond 2000
19:30 A Healthy Body - health and medicine magazine
20:30 Bodies in Motion
20:30 Soccer: Copa America - Quarterfinals roundup
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23:00 Snooker

20:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:00 Santa Barbara
22:00 Star News
22:30 Dynasty
00:30 Vegas
1:30 Oprah Winfrey
2:30 Barnaby Jones

1:00 Sports India
1:30 Super League Rugby
BBC WORLD
News on the hour
7:30 Window on Europe
8:00 Newswest
9:30 Hard Talk (ppt)
10:30 Window on Europe (ppt)
11:30 Top Gear (ppt)
12:30 Hard Talk (ppt)
13:30 Tomorrow's World (ppt)
14:00 Window on Europe (ppt)
15:30 Newswest
16:15 Business Report
16:30 Live from Parliament
18:00 Live at Five
20:30 Sportsman
22:30 Business Report
23:00 Sky World News
1:30 CBS Evening News
2:30 ABC World News

VOICE OF MUSIC
6:08 Morning Concert
9:08 Handok Costilla
volij un sguarido: Haydn: Symphony no. 93 "Miracle"; Chopin: Nocturnes nos 11 to 21 (Piano); Gounod: Feltie Messe (women of Cambridge Singers); Beethoven: String quartet in E flat op. 156 (Guarnieri); Shostakovich: Concerto no. 1 for piano, trumpet and strings
12:00 Light Classical
13:00 Artist of the Week - pianist Arieh Vardi; Bach: Piano concerto no. 5 in F minor BWV 1056 - Uri Shoham; Lior Ben-Zur; Beethoven: Sonata in C minor for piano op. 11; Bartok: 16 Pieces for Children no. 42; Hejdu: The 14:06 Folk music; American Dream - 15:00 From the Flacording Studio - Uri Shoham; Lior Ben-Zur and Gili Fuchs (flutes); Gili Fuchs (flutes); Matheson; Beethoven; Tomasi; Rabinovitch; Danz; Hejdu
16:00 My Concert, with Yoram Honen, 30 days after his death
18:00 New CDs - Johanna Rosenblat: from Psalms for the Blessed Virgin; Mozart: Horn concerto in E flat (Horn); Schumann: Sonata in F sharp minor for piano op. 11; Hindemith: Marienleben op. 27
20:00 From the World's Concert Halls - (1) Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra; Coriolan Overture; Hummel: Trumpet concerto in E flat; Josef Suk: Summer Legend symphony (2) Peter Maxwell-Davies: Trumpet Concerto
22:00 A Musical Journey

CNN INTERNATIONAL
News throughout the day
6:30 World Report
7:30 Insight
8:30 Moneyline (ppt)
9:30 World Sport
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:30 CNN Newsworld
12:30 World Report
13:30 CNN American Edition
13:45 Q&A (ppt)
14:00 Asian News
14:30 World Sport (ppt)
15:15 Asian News
15:30 Business Asia
16:00 Larry King Live
17:30 World Sport (ppt)
18:30 Computer Connection
19:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
20:45 American Edition
21:00 World Business Today
22:00 Larry King Live (ppt)
23:00 European News
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today Update
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World News
2:30 Moneyline

STAR PLUS
6:30 Nine to Five
7:30 Car Cook
8:30 Eld the Cat
8:30 Oprah Winfrey
9:30 The X-Files
10:30 Santa Barbara
11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
12:00 Hindi shows
13:30 Lost in Space
14:30 Doolie Howser
15:00 Charles in Charge
15:30 Yan Can Cook
16:30 Hindi programs
18:30 Star News
19:30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em
19:30 Space: Above and Beyond

STAR SPORTS
5:30 Cycling: Track World Cup, Italy
7:00 Tennis: Wimbledon, round 1
13:00 Super League Rugby
15:00 International Motorsports News
18:00 Tennis: Wimbledon, round 1, live
22:00 Cycling: Track World Cup, Italy
23:00 Athletics: NCAA League

STAR NEWS
News on the hour
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 ABC World News
11:30 Fashion TV
12:30 ABC Nightline
18:30 Sky News
15:30 CBS Morning

MOVIES

JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE Romeo and Juliet 5 - Citizen Kane 7:30 - Las Quatre Cents Coups 7 - Crash 10 - Foreign Land 8:30 - Jerusalem 8:30 - The English Patient 8:30 - Head Above Water 7:30 - Space Jam 4:30 - Kolya 4:30, 7:30 - The Nutty Professor (English dialogue) 7:15, 9:15 - Con Air 4:30, 7:15 - Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 5 RAV-MOR 1-7 - 841888 Con Air 4:30, 7:30 - 101 Dalmatians 4:45, 7:15 - Donnie Brasco - Absolute Power 4:30, 7:30 - High School High 4:45, 7:30 - Metro 4:45, 7:30 - Jerry Maguire 4:30, 7:30 - 82-6553 High School High 4:30, 7:30 - Absolute Power - Donnie Brasco 4:30, 7:30 - AFULLA RAV CHEN = 642047 Con Air - Lar Lar 7:30 - The English Patient 6:15, 7:15 ARAD STAR = 9950904 The English Patient 6:30, 9:30 - Marco Polo 7:15, 9:45 - The Chamber 7:15, 9:45 ARIEL Retic 9 ASHDOO G.G. Gil = 864722 The Saint 5, 7:30, 10 - Drive 5, 7:30, 10 - Secrets and Lies 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Marco Polo 5, 7:30, 10 - Breaking the Waves 6:30, 9:30 G.G. ORI = 711223 Wedding Bell Blues - Lar Lar 5, 7:30, 10 - The Chamber 7:30, 10 - RAV CHEN High School High - Con Air 4:30, 7:30 - 101 Dalmatians 5, 7:30, 9:45 - The English Patient 6:15, 9:15 - Donnie Brasco - Absolute Power 5, 7:15, 9:45 ASHKELOM G.G. Gil = 729977 Lar Lar - Wedding Bell Blues - Reticule 5, 7:30, 10 - Marco Polo - The Chamber 5, 7:30, 10 RAV CHEN High School High - Con Air 4:30, 7:30 - 101 Dalmatians 5, 7:30, 9:45 - The English Patient 6:15, 9:15 - Donnie Brasco - Absolute Power 5, 7:15, 9:45 BAY YAM RAV CHEN Absolute Power 7:15, 9:45 - Con Air 5, 7:15, 9:45 - High School High 5, 7:30, 9:45 - Lar Lar 5, 7:30, 9:45 - The English Patient 6:30, 9:30 - 101 Dalmatians 5 - Ghosts From the Past 7:15, 9:45 - Space Jam 5 658395 G.G. Gil = 6440771 Wedding Bell Blues - The Chamber 5, 7:30, 10 - The Saint 5, 7:30, 10 - Breaking the Waves 6:30, 9:30 - Space Jam 4:45 G.G. ORI = 610311 Lar Lar - Beavis and Butt-head 5, 7:30, 10 - Killing Zoe - Different Girl - Head Above Water 5, 7:30, 10 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 = 8235278 Con Air 5, 7:30, 9:45 - Donnie Brasco 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 -

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

SOLUTIONS

Solutions for the cryptic crossword puzzle, including words like SPECTACLE, YELADUDES, and others.

QUICK CROSSWORD

Quick crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

2nd Test

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Livnat: Peled recommendations will spark broadcast revolution

By HELEN KAYE

A third commercial TV channel, direct satellite broadcast services, and the creation of a national authority for electronic communications are among the major recommendations in the Peled Commission Report on restructuring the country's broadcasting system, which was officially released yesterday.

Calling for an "open skies" policy, Communications Minister Limor Livnat said yesterday that if implemented, the planned reforms "constitute a genuine broadcast revolution that will directly influence the quality of life for every Israeli citizen."

Livnat will sum up the Peled Report at Friday's cabinet meeting and urge the government to adopt it in its entirety.

"The broadcast communications revolution is already under way," she said. "Are we going to wait for it to arrive here piecemeal and haphazardly? Or are we going to ensure the orderly transition of our broadcast systems to the new technologies? Nobody would dream of limiting the print media. It should be the same for broadcasting."

The "open skies" policy will allow multiple carriers to offer broadcast services to the public on a competitive basis, subject to new legislation.

Effective and timely regulation of the new technologies would help offset rogue broadcasting such as pornography already allegedly being beamed in via satellite, "although ultimately we cannot, nor do we wish to legislate what people watch," she said.

She also expressed the hope that expanding choice for the consumer would not further degrade the standards of TV/radio fare on offer.

Other major changes include a switchover to digital broadcasting, changes to the existing cable and regional radio frameworks to encourage competition and more choice, and comprehensive broadcasting legislation. There is also a proposal to create a TV channel to broadcast to the Diaspora.

Commission chairman Yossi Peled said that in its eight months of deliberations, committee members spoke with 36 interested parties to get as wide a spectrum of opinion as possible on the scope and/or feasibility of the proposed changes. These included Channel 2, Arutz 7, Army Radio and the Channel 2 franchisees, Keshet, Reshet and Tel-Ad. Peled said that his mandate did



Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Peled Commission chairman Yossi Peled present the commission's report on revamping the country's broadcasting system to a Tel Aviv press conference yesterday. (Gali Hadani)

not include a discussion of the future of public broadcasting, which is being deliberated by the Zuckerman Commission, whose findings have yet to be released. A Gallup poll conducted last month showed that 78% of those polled were in favor of the proposed

changes, which have been leaked to the press over the last few months. "It will not be easy," Livnat stressed, saying that opposition to the proposed changes was inevitable and legitimate but that eventually the changes would have to come about "for the wider public good."

The first salvos have already been fired. Educational TV head Ahuva Feinmesser said that the Report's proposal to oust the service from Channel 2 has no basis in law and is motivated by purely commercial considerations. Shituf MK Avraham Poraz said the establishment of another com-

mmercial channel would drag down the quality of commercial television because two stations would then be expected to manage on the advertising income that is now supporting Channel 2. The result would be heavy reliance by both stations on cheap imported material.

Commission recommendations

To effect fair and open competition in the broadcasting sector, the Peled Commission recommends:

- A separation of carriers (the broadcasters) and content providers (like the Channel 2 franchisees). The carrier services - via cable, satellites, terrestrial, telephone, etc. - will offer their services with no strings attached.
- Cable and satellite companies will be able to offer pay TV options.
- A new commercial channel with a single corporate license holder would begin operating in 1999, the year the franchisees expire on Channel 2. It is also recommended that Channel 2 be a single corporate entity.
- Restructuring regional radio so that the stations can link up to broadcast certain programs or events country-wide.

• The establishment of the five dedicated commercial cable channels: Arabic; Russian and Amharic; Jewish heritage; Israeli and eastern music; news.

- To make it work, the commission recommends:
- Comprehensive broadcasting legislation to unite all existing communications laws.
- The creation of an autonomous national authority, something like the US Federal Communications Commission, to deal with planning, licensing, and supervision of all broadcast services.
- A commission for public complaints that would be autonomous and responsible for broadcast and advertising ethics.
- A shift from franchises - which are exclusive - to licenses, which require only that the applicant meet certain criteria.

Fear of foreign workers spreading AIDS

By JUDY SIEGEL

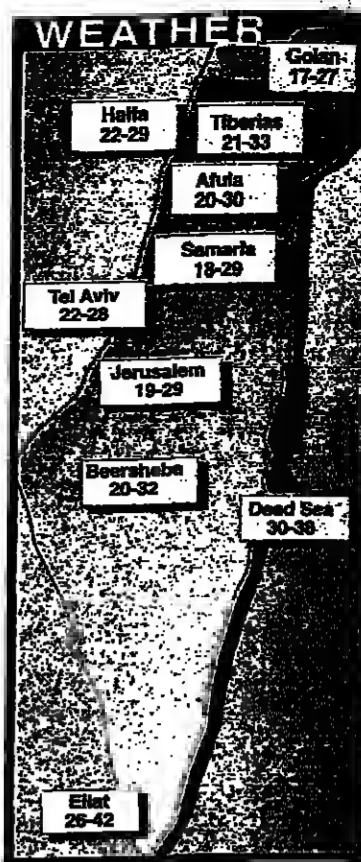
More than 50 foreign workers in the Tel Aviv area have been diagnosed as HIV carriers over the last four years, an Ichilov Hospital doctor disclosed yesterday, at the Knesset State Control Committee's discussion of the State Comptroller Report's section on the Health Ministry's AIDS centers.

Health Minister Yehosua Matza warned against allowing a further increase in the number of foreign workers, who are "a source of the spread of AIDS." He also noted that many of the foreigners, as well as Israelis, are ignorant of facts about AIDS and don't protect themselves against infection.

In the general population, 10 to 15 additional HIV carriers are diagnosed each month, and the total of reported carriers in the country is now 1,564. The estimate of actual carriers is some 2,500.

Health Ministry Director-General Prof. Gabi Barabash said at the meeting that at least some of them can be saved by giving them a "cocktail" of special medications.

However, the Finance Ministry continues to refuse to include the drugs in the basket of health services, so the health funds don't have to supply them to members who are HIV carriers. The cost of including them would be NIS 50 million.



AROUND THE WORLD

City	Low	High	Forecast
Amsterdam	11	17	cloudy
Berlin	14	20	cloudy
Buenos Aires	08	17	clear
Cairo	23	36	clear
Chicago	21	30	partly cloudy
Copenhagen	15	17	rain
Hankou	12	19	rain
Hong Kong	26	31	clear
Jakarta	24	30	clear
London	12	18	cloudy
Los Angeles	16	24	clear
Madrid	16	24	clear
Moscow	11	17	clear
New York	15	22	clear
Paris	13	20	clear
Rome	14	21	clear
Sydney	08	17	cloudy
Tokyo	21	27	partly cloudy
Toronto	17	24	rain
Vancouver	12	17	rain
Zurich	09	17	rain

Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's Chance draw (176/97) were the seven of spades, nine of hearts, king of diamonds, and eight of clubs. The results of the second draw (177/97) were the seven of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds, and seven of clubs.

Paratroopers want some respect

By ABIEH O'SULLIVAN

TAIBE, South Lebanon - Shmulik, a chunky, cropped-haired paratrooper, just returned from a three-day hunt for Hizbullah guerrillas in south Lebanon, is looking for some respect.

"Whenever you hear about soldiers who don't want to serve in Lebanon it gets plastered all across the press. But when our company takes out two terrorists it ends up as a tiny paragraph on page eight," said Shmulik.

For the troops in Lebanon, the incessant public debate on whether Israel should pull back or stay put is somewhere in the back of their minds; they have more pressing details to worry about. IDF troops, like the paratrooper company manning the position of Taibe about five kilometers west of Kiryat Shmona, are proud of what they are doing, but feel the public doesn't appreciate their sacrifices.

"We aren't sitting ducks. We want more appreciation and don't want to be talked of as the suckers in Lebanon. Somebody has to do it," said Shmulik.

Hizbullah has taken a downswing lately and has refrained from direct confrontation with the IDF. Preferring to keep their distance, attacks and clashes have given way to mortar and gunfire and upgraded rocket attacks.

Road-side charges, the preferred Hizbullah guerrilla weapon, are still being laid, but recently introduced precautions have suited their effectiveness.

Brig-Gen. Yom-Tov Samia, commander of the IDF division holding the security zone from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to the foothills of Marjayoun in the east, said he recognized the impression that Hizbullah was more restrained and credited it to IDF offensive operations.

"There is no new situation in Lebanon," Samia said. "I don't like this term new situation. The battle is daily and if it doesn't happen on the ground then it takes place in the minds on both sides."

Eleven IDF soldiers have been killed so far this year, and by IDF estimates some three times as many Hizbullah fighters have died. For a guerrilla war, the IDF sees this as a victory since the ratio has historically been the other way around elsewhere in the world. Hizbullah has recently changed its local commanders, which may have effected its move toward a more defensive behavior.

The Taibe position in south Lebanon sits atop a field of hand-

cut wheat. On a clear day one can see the sea. It last came under Hizbullah mortar fire two weeks ago.

Today it is bristling with a company of paratroopers from the 101st battalion, some just returning from 60-hour ambushes and other cleaning their weapons and checking their gear before heading out. Taibe protects the western flank of the Galilee Panhandle. Its troops have killed over 11 Hizbullah guerrillas in their sector alone in the past year.

Some paratroopers spoke of paratool pressure to opt out of this front-line duty. One soldier named Amit said he had friends whose parents tried to bribe them with promises of motor bikes.

Brigadier Samia said the deployment in south Lebanon under the present circumstances was accepted unanimously among top IDF commanders.

"I trust the decision makers. The IDF position, which I totally agree with, is that the security zone is vital to the defense of the North. I don't think that the [public debate on a withdrawal] is having an effect on the soldiers. It is bothering Israeli society more than here. I hope that we can become united and I promise from here to supply the goods," Samia said.

Soldiers in the company have a lot of respect for their baby-faced commander, 24-year-old Lt. Lior. Some speak of his combat history with awe, and tell how he has numerous kills to his credit.

The soft-spoken Lt. Lior said his company was able to maintain such a high level of motivation because of the unity they have cultivated. He said that some of his soldiers were under tremendous pressure from home to drop out of service on Israel's last active war front. But he also said there have been no desertions from the company in over a year.

"What keeps the unit in their pride," Lt. Lior said. "I also don't think what goes on in the country crosses their minds when they are on the ramparts. They are thinking mainly about how they are going to get their mission done and what they have to do to get through the daily grind. No one is talking ideology here."

"We all here feel that we have to prove something, each one for their own reasons. Some are looking for the bragging glory, for others it's the Zionist ideology that pushes them. Me, I'm from Kiryat Shmona and that says it all," said Eldad. "But even those who live in Ramat Aviv Gimmel are protecting the country because if we aren't here, they [Hizbullah] will come to the fence."

Hebrew U. launches new unit to research industrial health

By JUDY SIEGEL

Work accidents cost the economy NIS 1.6 billion a year, according to Bracha Ben-Zvi, head of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry's committee on prevention and research in occupational health.

Speaking at the opening of an academic chair and laboratory for industrial hygiene at the Hebrew University, Ben-Zvi said that three million work days are lost annually due to work accidents.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai said that despite the great advances in technology in recent years, protecting the health of people on the job is way behind. He expected that the new Hebrew University facilities would reduce this gap and contribute to occupational health of the population.

Prof. Menahem Luria, head of the university's School for

Applied Science, said that most people think high-tech industries are "clean" and therefore not dangerous. But this is a misconception, as some of them deal with very dangerous substances. Workers must be protected and the environment has to be controlled, Luria declared.

The new academic unit is to develop university-level curricula in the field and train manpower for research and work in the field. It will conduct surveys and promote monitoring in the workplaces. Students will work towards a master's degree in environmental sciences with specialization in industrial hygiene.

One of the unique devices in the lab is an infra-red spectrophotometer, which detects fumes from organic compounds in the air. It is the only one of its kind in Israel and will enable experts to conduct research on the dangers of such compounds in the workplace.

Ukraine to share Jewish material with Israeli researchers

By JUDY SIEGEL

CD-ROMs showing rare items of Judaica from the Ukrainian Jewish community were presented recently to a delegation of the Israel Academy of Sciences by that country's scientific institutes.

These include antique recordings on wax of Jewish folklore segments by the great Yiddish writer Sholom Aleichem. The wax recording technique is the oldest in the world and allowed voices to be preserved from the 19th century.

The Ukraine National Library has a million items connected to Jewish heritage, including Sholom Aleichem's own manuscripts, community registers and segments of cantorial music. Representatives of Israel's National and Hebrew University Library in Jerusalem will be given access to this material

and will include it in its recording project of Jewish folklore around the world. The possibility of joint research and development with the Ukrainians has also been raised.

Prof. Ya'acov Ziv, head of the Israel Academy of Sciences, said books it published will be offered for display at Kiev's national library next year, to mark Israel's 50th anniversary.

Ziv said that during the talks, the establishment of a center for research of Jewish and Ukrainian Jewish heritage was proposed. Such a center would coordinate scientific activity in the field and cooperation with Israeli experts. The publication of Israeli research at Ukrainian research institutes would promote direct ties between scientists in the two countries and ensure the continuation of research into Jewish subjects outside Israel, Ziv concluded.

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